GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

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NIRMAL BHARAT ABHIYAN YOJANA
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had launched Nirmal Bharat Abiyan Yojana;

(b) if so, the main objectives of this scheme;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make this campaign a success;

(d) the amount spent by the Government till December, 2004 on this campaign; and

(e) the number of people benefited under this scheme during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA):

(a) and (b) Government launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called ValmikiAmbedkarAwas Yojana (VAMBAY) on 2nd December 2001 for construction/ up-gradation of shelters and toilets seats for the urban slum dwellers living below poverty line (BPL). A new Sanitation Project under the title of `Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan` is an integral subcomponent of VAMBAY. The objective of VAMBAY is primarily to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people living below the poverty line in urban slums and the objective of Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan is to provide healthy and enabling urban environment through community toilets.

(c) The State Governments are persuaded from time to time to sent more and more projects proposals complete in all respects and to implement the scheme effectively and to accelerate its progress. Further, monitoring is done at the Central Level through Quarterly Progress Reports, review meetings and field visits.

(d) A sum of Rs.9104.68 lakh has been released so far for construction of toilet seats, from 2001-02 to 2004-2005 (till December 2004).

(e) During the current financial year 2004-2005 a sum of Rs.4025.00 lakh has been released for construction of 20139 toilet seats.